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1. The Czech broadcasting system is controlled by a general directorate subordinate to the Ministry of Information. Its headquarters are in Praha. Personnel of the general directorate include:
  - a. General manager: Kazimir Stahl, a Communist, appointed by the Minister of Information in 1948 because of his work with the action committee in the Communist coup d'etat in February 1948. He is a former technician with no administrative experience.
  - b. Chief of the Personnel Section: J. Bedrich, a Communist, appointed by the central committee of the Communist Party. He is in complete charge of hiring, transferring and dismissing personnel.
2. Immediately under the general directorate is the directorate of the broadcasting systems of Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia, also located in Praha. It is divided into the following sections:
  - a. Program section which controls all divisions concerned with the composition of programs. The program manager is Mirko Ocadlik, an opportunistic Communist; all employees of this section are members of the Communist Party.
  - b. Technical section which handles the technical details of the program production in the studio and at the broadcasting station. There are fewer Communists in this section than in either of the others.
  - c. Administrative section, which handles the finances and budget of the enterprise and is responsible for the maintenance of all non-technical enterprise property and equipment. The manager of this section is (fnu) JuC Strnad, a Communist and a rather timid man. His deputy is Forst, an opportunistic Communist, formerly a doorman. Other personnel in the administrative section include:
    - 1) Chief of the Financial Division: Josef Cerny, a Communist. His deputy is J. Vanatova, a very active Communist.

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- 2) Chief of the Budget Division: Dr. Randysek, a tepid Communist who has joined the party since February 1948.
- 3) Chief of the Finance Accounting Division: Josef Cermak, a tepid Communist. His deputy is Frybova, a very active Communist.
- 4) Chief of the Payroll Division: Ing. Kac, who was not accepted into the Communist Party. He is a very timid man. In this division are two very dangerous Communists, K. Hilbicka and M. Jedlickova.

Other dangerous Communist personnel in the administrative section include Jan Rada, who lives with his family at the broadcasting station in Praha XII, the chief of transportation, Benes, who also lives at the broadcasting station in Praha XII, and S. Kutina and Hajek, both of the printing office.

- d. Section for Special Tasks which handles construction, labor brigades, reports on the progress of the enterprise in fulfilling the Five Year Plan, etc. The chief of this section is F. K. Zeman, an ardent Communist. All the employees of this section are members of the party.
- e. Political intelligence section which makes political reports, and is responsible for the propagation of Communist ideas in the programs. It is in very close contact with the Ministry of Information. The manager of this section is Zdenek Novak, a very active Communist. All the employees of this section are active Communists.
3. Broadcast monitoring is done by an independent section of the Czech broadcasting system located in Praha-Bubenec. About 60 persons use the most modern receiving equipment to listen to foreign broadcasts on long and short wave on a constant watch. Reports of a political nature, particularly those concerning Czechoslovakia, are monitored, mimeographed and transmitted to the political intelligence section.
4. All transmission stations with the exception of military stations are subordinated to the Ministry of Information, according to a law dated March 1949. Prior to that time broadcasting stations were under the control of the Ministry of Posts and Telegraph. Some of the more important transmission stations in Czechoslovakia are located as follows:

<u>Studio</u>	<u>Transmission Station</u>
Praha I	Liblice*
Praha II (Karlín)	Melník*
Plzen	Plzen
Usti nad Labem	Usti nad Labem
Pardubice	Pardubice
Liberec	Liberec
Ceske Budejovice	Ceske Budejovice
Brno	Jihlava
	Komarov
Moravska Ostrava	Svinov
Olomouc	Svinov

5. The broadcasting system of Slovakia is independent of the systems of Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia, but is under the control of the general directorate in Praha. Its organization is similar to that of the other systems. Headquarters of the Slovakian broadcasting system are in Bratislava.
6. All employees of the Czechoslovakian broadcasting system, whether Communists or not, must undergo a four-week period of political training at the castle in Bile Policany (051/362).

25X1A \* [REDACTED] Comment: If either of these transmission stations fails, the station at Strasnice can be used.

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